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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

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Proposed Time: 3:00 (PM) EDT

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(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit to Be Shown or Demonstrated ☒ YES ☐ No

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## Issues to Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
1) 102, 103	1-6, 21-23	Singleton Ramakesavan, Huber Chen, Hawkins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: Attached proposed amendment.

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**S/N 10/777,260**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Computer with a Personal Digital Assistant

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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In response to the Pre-Interview Communication dated August 29, 2008, please consider the following proposed amendments to the above-identified patent application in conjunction with the attached Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form:

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining whether data meets a criteria;

if the data does not meet the criteria, sending the data to a computer display of a computer, wherein the computer comprises a base portion and a lid portion, and wherein the lid portion comprises the computer display; and

if the data meets the criteria, sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the hinge between a closed position atop the lid portion and an open position side-by-side with the lid portion, wherein in the open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display, and wherein in the closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display.

~~if the determining is true, sending the data to a personal digital assistant; and~~

~~if the determining is false, sending the data to a computer display.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining further comprises:

determining whether the data comprises an instant messaging application window.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining further comprises:

determining whether the data comprises a calculator application window.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining further comprises:

determining whether the data comprises a calendar application window.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining further comprises:

determining whether the data comprises a media player application window.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining further comprises:

determining whether the data comprises an e-mail application window.

Claims 7-20 (Canceled)

21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

instructing a power supply of the computer to supply power to an input device of the computer; and

receiving input at the personal digital assistant from the input device of the computer.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining that data has been changed at the personal digital assistant;

determining whether the computer is powered on; and

if the data has been changed at the personal digital assistant and the computer is powered on, synchronizing the data with the computer.

23. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending input from an input device in the base portion to the personal digital assistant.

## REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are proposed to be amended. Claims 7-12 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 13-20 are proposed to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 21-23 are proposed to be added. Claims 1-6 and 21-23 are proposed to be pending. By proposing to amend, cancel, and add the claims, applicant is not conceding that the claims are non-statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112 and is not conceding that the claims are unpatentable over the references cited by the Office Action, as the proposed claim amendments and cancellations are only for the purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as it existed prior to any amendment or cancellation and to pursue other claims, in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. No new matter is added by these proposed amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

### 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 13-18 are proposed to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, so the rejections are moot.

### 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 4, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Singleton (US 2004/0019724 A1). Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton and Chen (US 2004/0148419). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton and Hawkins (US 6,957,397 B1). Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Huber (US 7,197,584 B2). Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Ramakesavan (US 2003/0065734 A1).

Claim 1 recites: "sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a hinge, wherein the

personal digital assistant rotates via the hinge between a closed position atop the lid portion and an open position side-by-side with the lid portion, wherein in the open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display, and wherein in the closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display.”

In contrast to claim 1, the Singleton PDA 102 is attached to a docking port 120 in the palm rest 118 of the body 112, as illustrated by Singleton at Fig. 1 and as described by Singleton at [0014] and [0015], so the Singleton PDA 102 is not attached via a hinge to a lid, and the Singleton PDA 102 does not rotate.

In contrast to claim 1, the Ramakesavan PDA display 620 in Figure 6 “[operates] as an integrated unit” with the laptop display 610 (Ramakesavan at [0033]), so the Ramakesavan PDA display 620 is not attached via a hinge to the laptop display 610 and does not rotate “between a closed position atop the lid portion” as recited in claim 1 because the Ramakesavan PDA display 620 is never atop the Ramakesavan laptop display 610.

In contrast to claim 1, the Huber PDA 605 “is placed into the indented space 615” of the PC chassis 600, as described by Huber at column 5, lines 23-27, and as illustrated by Huber at Fig. 6. Since the Huber PDA is placed into an indented space of a PC chassis, the Huber PDA is not attached via a hinge to the PC chassis and does not rotate.

In contrast to claim 1, Chen does not describe a personal digital assistant or one device connected to another via a hinge.

In contrast to claim 1, Hawkins at Fig. 1A and column 2, lines 60-67 describes a “handheld computer 100,” which is not connected to a computer via a hinge and does not rotate.

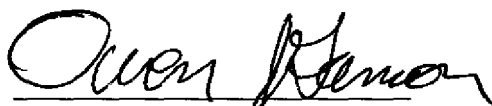
Claims 2-6 and 21-23 are patentable for depending on claim 1.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0465.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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